

## “FAITH THAT WORKS”

JAMES SERMON SERIES - #4

JAMES 2:14-26

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### Introduction

#### 1. Who is right – James or Paul? \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>Paul (<i>Galatians 2:16</i>)</b>	<b>James (<i>James 2:24</i>)</b>
Problem:	“Legalism”	“Laxity”
Focus:	“Root of Salvation” (internal/unseen)	“Fruit of Salvation” (external/seen)
Purpose:	How to know I’m a Christian (How do I become a believer?)	How to show I’m a Christian (How do I behave as a believer?)

**Ephesians 2:8-10 (GN)** – *For it is by God’s grace that you have been saved through faith. ... for a life of good works, which he has already prepared for us to do.*

“By ... Through ... For”

#### 2. What is real faith?

##### a. Faith is not just something you \_\_\_\_\_.

**James 2:14** – *What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?*

**Matthew 7:20-23** – *Thus you will recognize them by their fruits. <sup>21</sup>“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup>On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ <sup>23</sup>And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’*

##### b. Faith is not something you \_\_\_\_\_.

**James 2:15-16** – *If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?*

**1 John 3:17** – *But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him?*

##### c. Faith is not just something you \_\_\_\_\_.

**James 2:18-19** – *But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. <sup>19</sup>You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!*

##### d. Faith that works is believing and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Illustrations:** Two very different people

- **Abraham (James 2:20-24)**
- **Rahab (James 2:25)**

**James 2:17** – *So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.*

**Micah 6:8** – *He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

### Conclusion